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Colorado Firm Recalls Beef Products Due to Possible E.coli Contamination

CHEYENNE (June 25, 2009) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) says that about 41,280 pounds of beef products are being recalled by JBS Swift Beef Company of Greeley, Colo. because they may be contaminated with E. coli 0157:H7

According to the USDA, the products were produced on April 21-22 and were shipped to distributors and retailers in Colorado, Nebraska, Utah and 10 other states.

“While Wyoming was not listed as one of the 13 states where the products were shipped, some of the product was found in Wyoming stores,” said Dean Finkenbinder, Wyoming Department of Agriculture Consumer Health Services Manager. “Because of this, it is imperative for citizens, retailers, food banks, charitable organizations, child care facilities and other food service operations to be aware of the recall.”

All the recalled beef is in boxes bearing "EST. 969" and packaging date codes of 042109 or 042209. They have case codes of 21852, 21853, 31852, 31853, 33852, 33853, 41853, 41853, 79852, 79853 or 90853.

E. coli bacteria can cause abdominal cramping, vomiting, nausea, and diarrhea (which may be bloody). Most healthy people recover within a week, but serious complications can arise and are most common in young children, older people, and people with weak immune systems.

JBS Swift spokesman Chandler Keys said Thursday the recall is voluntary and no illnesses have been reported. The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service discovered the problem through microbiological sampling, and an investigation in the distribution of other products.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture has contacted retail outlets around the state to pull recalled items off store shelves. Consumers with questions about the recall may contact the JBS Swift's consumer hot line at (800) 555-7675.

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